

THE WAVE

May 8, 2026



Church News

Pardon our dust! Roof replacement underway.

Next time you stop by the COTI campus, you may notice the building looks a little... different. The roof replacement is underway! This process should take 2-3 weeks. Thank you to our moderator Alicia Isaac, resource coordinator Jeannie Waller, and council for their hard work and prudent leadership to make this happen!



*THIS WEEK IN
WORSHIP*

***Carry the Mat 3:
Accepting what's
not your corner***

Welcome to our new members, Karen Brykczynski and Janet Williams!



Easter Season Sermon Series: Carry the Mat

In the second chapter of Mark, four friends bring their paralyzed comrade to Jesus for healing. When reading this story, it can be easy to imagine ourselves as the man on the mat, waiting passively for healing. It can also be easy, for our churches, to imagine ourselves in the role of Jesus--all encompassing communities that can (or should) be able to meet any kind of need.

Our Eastertide sermon series, "Carry the Mat," imagines things differently. It asks: what if our congregation took on as our collective charge the role of one of the friends carrying the paralyzed person's mat? We are not Jesus and can't be everything to everybody, but we can find our own corner of the ministry of salvation--contingent, limited, and networked with others doing different and important work. This Easter season, let's consider together what it means for Church of the Isles to Carry the Mat!

Rodney Snedeker Memorial - 6/13 at 11am

COTI is holding a memorial service for former member (and Rev. Wesley's grandfather) Rodney Snedeker on June 13 at 11am. All are welcome. Please bring a potluck side for the reception

Coffee Hour

1st Sunday of the Month: Birthday Sunday/ Church Council

2nd Sunday: Deacons

3rd Sunday: Men

4th Sunday: Congregation

5th Sunday: "Free for all" Potluck



Prayer List

The Watson family, on the passing of Scott and of Curtis's father,
Curtis Watson Sr.

Alicia Isaac's father.

Patti Dalina, who is in physical therapy for an injury.

Shirley Finkenstadt, who is in rehab.

The family of Rodney Snedeker, following his passing.

Shirley Forrest, who is experiencing health concerns.

Morgan, the daughter of one of Susan's neighbors, who is battling
breast cancer.

Marla Boeman's son Randy, who is experiencing health concerns.

Maddox, who just celebrated his 2nd birthday!



STUDY-

**Faith After Doubt
by Brian McLaren
May 17 - Preface
and Introduction**

Missions and Social Action

Weekly vigils against injustice in migration detention

Join people of faith and conscience every Sunday at 4pm at the Pinellas County Justice Center on 49th St. in Clearwater to raise a moral voice against injustices in migrant detention in the state of Florida. These vigils happen concurrently with other vigils all across the state, including a weekly gathering outside the detention camp cruelly nicknamed "alligator alcatraz." [You can read more about the vigils here.](#) If you'd like to contribute to the bus fund to help folks attend the Everglades vigil, you can give by [clicking here.](#)

Fluff Rescue Donations

Fluff Rescue is requesting bath sized towels for the rescued dogs and cats looking for their forever home. There is also a basket outside **Pilgrim Hall** for supplies I will give to my friend Diana who volunteers there.

-Susan Gage



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UCC Movement for Palestinian Solidarity

As the conflict in Palestine rages on, leaders in the United Church of Christ Movement for Palestinian Solidarity continue to offer reflection and guidance concerning the church's response and responsibility to the violence. Please click the link below to go to the UCC Movement for Palestinian Solidarity website for the latest. [https:// www.uccmps.org](https://www.uccmps.org)

Pinellas Hope

On the second Tuesday of the month we will be returning to Pinellas Hope. Cookie bakers, this is the date you've been waiting for. Everyone is invited to join us to prepare and serve lunch for the housing insecure.

Food Pantry

We continue to collect food items and hygiene supplies for those in need of our assistance. Residents of nearby Largo and Seminole benefit from our food pantry gifts. Contribute as you are able.



SUBMIT YOUR OWN WAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Write up your announcement and send it to the church office (churchoftheisles@gmail.com) with the subject line "Wave". For a prayer request contact pastor Wesley or submit your item by email with the subject line "WAVE prayer request".

Please submit your announcements by **10am on Tuesday morning.**